

**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**March 26, 2013  
DELRAN, NJ**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**Sunshine Statement:** Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice advertised in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on December 28, 2012 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone were present.

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mr. Marmero, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to approve the minutes for February 5, 2013, February 12, 2013 and February 26, 2013.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 2013-2**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-3 OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF  
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township") (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as

amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law") and other applicable law, as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 2 of Ordinance 2012-3, duly adopted by the Township Council on May 22, 2012 ("Ordinance"), is hereby amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

**Section 2.** The sum of \$20,000, which represents the funded appropriation cancelled in Section 1 hereof, is hereby reappropriated from the Bond Ordinance 2009-14 for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the completion of the reconstruction and repaving of Roland Street as heretofore authorized by Bond Ordinance 2011-20 duly adopted by the Township Council, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, and as more particularly described in the plans on file with the Township Administrator."

**Section 2.** All other parts of the Ordinance not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** All bonds or bond anticipation notes heretofore issued and now outstanding pursuant to the Ordinance, and any moneys expended or any expenses incurred pursuant to appropriations made by the Ordinance, if any, shall be accounted and deemed to have been issued, expended or incurred pursuant to the Ordinance, as amended by this ordinance.

**Section 4.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Morrow. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

There were no comments.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Morrow. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2012-4**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AMENDING CHAPTER 150  
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS TO CHARGE A FEE FOR DELIVERY OF WOOD CHIPS TO  
PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP**

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to approve the ordinance on first reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2013-5**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-9 OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF  
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY  
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to approve the ordinance on first reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2013-6**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-10 OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF  
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to approve the ordinance on first reading.

There being no question, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2013-34**

**WHEREAS**, the recent changes to the Local Public Contracts Law gave local Contracting units the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$36,000; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. Seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and Jeffery S. Hatcher possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. Seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Delran wishes to take advantage of the increased bid threshold;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$36,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5-2, the Township Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this

resolution and a copy of Jeffrey S. Hatcher's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt Resolution 2013-34.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUION 2013-35**

**WHEREAS**, CME Associates, the Township Engineer, solicited quotations for the Swedes Lake Outfall Improvement Project, and

**WHEREAS**, of the three contractors sent requests for quotations only two submitted responses as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid Amount</u>
RTW Construction, Southampton, NJ	\$36,000.00
Cardinal Contracting, Southampton, NJ	\$53,925.25
Bird Construction, Bayville, NJ	No response

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that as recommended by letter from the Township Engineer that the contract for the Swedes Lake Outfall Improvements be awarded to the low bidder RTW Construction, 16 Old Red Lion Road, Southampton, NJ 08088 in the amount of \$36,000.00.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt Resolution 2013-35.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUION 2013-36**

**WHEREAS**, Delran Township accepted bids for the Haines Mill Road Reconstruction Project – Phase V on March 1, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, the bids received were as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid Amount</u>
Arawak Paving, Inc., Hammonton, NJ	\$261,400.00
American Asphalt, W. Collingswood Heights, NJ	\$283,450.60
Gerald A. Barrett, LLC	\$305,687.62
Cardinal Contracting Co., Southampton, NJ	\$318,497.85
Bogey's Trucking & Paving	\$340,100.00
Jads Construction	\$354,737.50
Johnson Baran Corporation	\$456,870.00

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that as recommended by letter from the Township Engineer that the contract for the Haines Mill Road Reconstruction Project – Phase V be awarded to the low bidder Arawak Paving Inc., 7503 Weymouth Road, Hammonton, NJ 08037 in the amount of \$261,400.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of this bid is being made with the requirement that the contractor comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A.10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C 17:27

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adopt Resolution 2013-36.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2013-37**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM  
ADMINISTERED**

**BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Delran Township Council wishes to apply for funding for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request, and

**WHEREAS**, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Township of Delran for the purpose described in the application:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council that

1) As a matter of public policy, the Township of Delran wishes to participate to fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.

2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.

3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of applications for said funds.

4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt Resolution 2013-37.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

**MOTIONS**

Mr. Morrow made a motion authorizing the payment of bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to accept the report of the Tax Collector, CFO and the Township Clerk.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Morrow made a motion granting the mercantile licenses listed below. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi.

1. EPR Industries, 2702 Cindel Drive, Unit 2
2. M. USA Auto Sales, 207-31 Carriage Lane
3. Supreme Auto Sales, 150-13 Carriage Lane

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: None

Motion Approved

**REPORTS**

**Ms. Eggers** – No report.

**Mr. Hatcher** – Mr. Hatcher reported that Council has introduced the 2013 Municipal Budget and the public hearing will be held on April 23, 2013. The budget will be posted on the Township website along with a power point presentation.

Mr. Hatcher reported that the Township will be holding the clean-up days on April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be 7 AM to 7 PM on Friday and 7 AM to 5 PM on Saturday. You must be a township resident to participate and we will be taking items such as concrete, brick, wood, stumps, paint and electronics.



**Mr. Marmero** – No report.

**Mr. Catrambone** – Mr. Catrambone mentioned that we are going to have many reports tonight, most of which will discuss the tragedy on Route 130 last week. Unfortunately, this is not the first of its kind. As far back as a year ago, we had meetings with the DOT regarding the safety concerns along Route 130. Regardless of what the DOT decides he hopes that we can get them to move as quickly as possible.

**Mr. Bauer** –Jim Bauer, Fire Commissioner, reported on the pedestrian tragedy on Route 130.

Mr. Bauer reported that they were on a call for a diesel fuel call when they were called to respond to a house fire in Mt. Laurel. They also responded to kitchen fire in the Cinnaminson.

Mr. Paris questioned why Station 232 has the Jaws of Life and certain rescue equipment that Station 231 does not have.

Mr. Bauer stated that they are a single department with two stations. Station 231 has two engines, a ladder truck, cascade truck and a grass truck. They train very hard on ladder operations. The Chester Avenue Station has two engines, a heavy rescue truck and a utility truck for water rescue. The two companies feed off of each other the with regards to the ladder operations and rescue.

Mr. Paris asked if both companies are trained to operate the Jaws of Life.

Mr. Bauer stated that there is joint training and they certainly know how to operate the apparatus but the in-depth training is not at the same level. It would cost over a half a million dollars to purchase the same equipment for both stations. We face the same issues with both stations not having a ladder truck.

Mr. Paris asked that they look at grant opportunities to purchase equipment.

**Mr. Schwartz** – Mr. Schwartz thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the Swedes Lake project. The residents have been waiting fifteen years for these improvements and he appreciates their support.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he recently sent out a letter to the residents in Riverside Park that are in the flood zone. He reminded the residents that these surveys are very important to help us receive funding to help this area of town.

Mr. Schwartz stated that the woman who was killed on Route 130 was a friend of his daughter. We know all the issues that we are faced with on this dangerous

road and it is real frustrating that we can not get anything done. This is a tragedy that should not have happened.

**Mr. Morrow** – Mr. Morrow reported that about five years ago elected officials along Route 130 had a meeting with the DOT and one of the things he brought up in that meeting were the issues with the location of the pedestrian crossings at bus stops. This road was not designed to handle the amount of foot traffic. We will continue to put pressure on the state to get things done on that highway. Mr. Paris stated that every year we reach out to the state and county for grants for safe streets to schools and transit.

Mr. Morrow stated that he has a viewing to attend tonight and will need to excuse himself a little early.

**Mrs. Kolodi** – Mrs. Kolodi stated that the school is pushing to make the parents aware of the dangers of allowing the children to cross Route 130. Mrs. Kolodi extended her sympathies to all involved in the tragic accident.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that Council will be working on a Citizen of Year with the Delran Business Association. This is a great way to bring the community together.

**Ms. Pangia** – Ms. Pangia expressed her sympathy for everyone involved in the tragic accident.

Ms. Pangia reported that we have several exciting events coming up. We are holding a Kids Expo on May 3, 2013 from 6-8 PM. This is an opportunity for parents to learn about programs that are available for their children. The mammogram van is returning on May 7, 2013. The mobile eye care van will be coming to the Township on May 14, 2013. Details will be on the website in the next week. At a future work session we will also be discussing a mental health expo and the possibility of a Farmers' Market.

Ms. Pangia reported that the drive like your kids live here signs are going back out so if you have a sign please put them out while the kids are on Spring Break. Also, if anyone would like to purchase a sign there are still some available.

Ms. Pangia shared a personal story of a friend that lives in Gloucester County whose autistic son was lost briefly. It turned out that he ended up walking into the Mantua Creek and was in mud up to his neck. Thankfully, everything turned out of okay. The Burlington County Sheriff's Department has a bracelet program for autistic children that has a tracker to locate them if they are ever lost.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that he has no additional report.

**Mr. Paris** – Mr. Paris sent his sympathy to Crystal's family. We are doing everything we can to try and work with the state to try and make Route 130 a safer highway.

Mr. Paris stated that Mrs. Kolodi ran a volleyball tournament fundraiser at the High School for the son of a teacher at the school who is suffering from brain cancer. Mrs. Kolodi coordinated the event and did a fantastic job.

Mr. Paris reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a fantastic event. We had many families attend and the kids had a great time. He thanked the RAC for a fantastic job.

Mr. Paris stated that they held the first meeting for Delran Day. Their next meeting will be held in May and if anyone is interested in helping they are always looking for volunteers.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to open the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Harry Etsel, 8 River Drive, asked where we stand with the outfall project at Stewart Avenue and River Drive. He also asked whether we have heard from Assemblyman Singleton as to whether he can help in any way.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have not received the DEP permit yet for the outfall improvements. Assemblyman Singleton is trying to help us push the permit as fast as possible.

Mr. Etsel asked whether the residents are turning in the flooding surveys sent to the Township.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they are beginning to come in.

Linda DeBerardinis, Tenby Chase Apartments, questioned whether we could eliminate the crosswalk in front of Holy Cross due to the accident.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we would need DOT approval and this will probably be one of the items that they look into.

Mr. Schwartz stated that one of the frustrations that we have is that we can not do anything to Route 130 without approval from the State. They have been pushing for education and Mr. Schwartz feels we need a real answer.

Linda also mentioned the concerns at Fairview Street.

Mr. Morrow agreed that the crosswalks at Route 130 and Fairview are a mess. Many times he has discussed his concerns over the placement of the bus stops. These issues should have been addressed when the shopping center was constructed. We pushed very hard for sidewalks on Fairview Street and we are fortunate that we were able to receive a grant.

Bill Pfeffer, 43 Chester Avenue, stated that he had received many phone calls from residents in Riverside Park with questions regarding the questionnaire sent by Mr. Schwartz and he would like to go over a few things. He stated that in the letter Mr. Schwartz states that after months of meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and Mr. Pfeffer asked how many months of meeting he has had with the Army Corps.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he believes that the first meeting was held in October 2011 and was set up by himself and previous Councilwoman Pat Pomeranz.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that his question was how many meetings were held.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he is going to interrupt. He stated that the questionnaire was not drafted by Delran Township it came from the Army Corps. He stated that if Mr. Pfeffer has questions about the questionnaire they would be happy to help. He asked that if Mr. Pfeffer is going to call out every point in Mr. Schwartz's letter then he is going to ask them to forgo these types of questions.

Mr. Morrow stated that at this time he is going to need to excuse himself because he has a viewing to attend.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that it is his recollection is there was a meeting with the Army Corps in February 2012, held by then Councilwoman Pat Pomeranz.

Mr. Schwartz stated yes she did take the lead.

Mr. Pfeffer asked if he recalls that in the preliminary study of February 2012, they offered a so-called first stage study offering short term solutions. That included raising the berms and repairing the storm drains.

Ms. Schwartz stated that he does not have the report in front of him.

Mr. Catrambone asked if he could see a copy of the report that Mr. Pfeffer is referencing.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that when they issued that reported, they also made recommendations on grants that were available.

Mr. Schwartz stated that it was his understanding that they told the Township to do everything we were already doing. There was no money available and they

had no interest in providing the Township with any funds. We were told that maybe if we did the work they might reimburse us at a later date.

Mr. Paris stated that we already had a grant already submitted under one of the programs recommended.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that Mr. Hatcher reported that they did apply for one of the grants.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we applied for the Shore Protection Grant and we were turned down.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that in Mr. Schwartz's letter he states that filling out the survey is imperative to starting the process for possible assistance. He asked what type of assistance.

Mr. Marmero stated that this is turning into a cross examination of Councilman Schwartz.

Mr. Pfeffer stated he is a taxpayer asking simple questions.

Mr. Catrambone stated that if he wants to hear the answer they are going to ask Mr. Hatcher to answer.

Mr. Pfeffer stated he will move on. He asked if Mr. Catrambone recalls the January work session where the Engineer offered solutions to the flooding along with cost estimates.

Mr. Catrambone stated yes.

Mr. Pfeffer asked whether he recalls that one of the solutions was to raise the berm and repair or replace the storm drain outfall pipes.

Mr. Catrambone stated yes.

Mr. Pfeffer asked whether Mr. Catrambone remembers the cost estimate provided for that solution.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he does not remember.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that the estimate was \$1,570,000. This was the cheapest solution and the most immediate relief for the residents. Mr. Pfeffer stated that he recalls Mr. Catrambone stating that we do not have the money, we need outside help and it is a \$5,000,000 project. He asks if Mr. Catrambone remembers saying that.

Mr. Catrambone stated that he remembers saying something close to that.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that at the February budget work session Mr. Hatcher reported that there was a \$5,200,000 surplus at the end of 2012. Mr. Hatcher also recommended that we use \$2,500,000 of that surplus to balance the budget. It is apparent that the \$2,500,000 was used for tax relief not for flood relief for residents swimming in their basements from time to time. Is giving tax relief more important than helping those residents. We are 700 days from the first flood. The residents are extremely concerned. He stated that they never know when the next flood will come.

Mr. Catrambone stated that clearly Mr. Pfeffer does not understand how the surplus can and cannot be used. The surplus is put into the budget as a revenue in hopes that we will replenish that amount through the current year. Over the years, we have been able to manage that surplus and keep taxes stabilize. If we spent that money, that entire town would be faced with a major tax increase. He stated that he understands the concerns in Riverside Park.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that he was told at a meeting when we asked about surplus that we cannot touch surplus. Now we are using the surplus.

Mr. Catrambone stated that if we took that money and spent it, we would have a severe problem maintaining taxes on a stable level. We do not spend that money, it is replenished.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that he did not see that in the new budget.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it is in the 2013 budget.

Mr. Pfeffer asked if Council has a habit of taking money from surplus to balance the budget.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it is a practice. Every town in New Jersey uses the surplus as a revenue in their budget. Regardless of the decision Council made regarding the flooding improvements, we would not use the funds from surplus. Every year that he has been here, we have used the surplus as a revenue. We plan for that amount to be returned. If we were to take the \$2,700,000 from surplus and spend it, every resident would be faced with roughly a \$500.00 tax increase that year. That is if we were allowed to do that, which we can't. It would immediately throw us off on the levy cap.

Mr. Paris stated that as the Mayor he would want a referendum to be approved by the voters, if Council wanted to spend money on the improvements.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that he does not understand why we used that money for tax relief instead of helping the residents in Riverside Park.

Mr. Catrambone stated that as Mr. Hatcher just explained the reasons that we could not use those funds. He suggested that if Mr. Pfeffer needs any more information on how surplus is managed, they will try and come up with something to help him understand.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that it is beyond his comprehension that they can give everyone in the Township a tax break and totally ignore this problem. You have left the residents with feelings of insult and neglect. You give them no respect.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, stated that a few of his questions have been answered. He understands that we have not received the DOT permits and Assemblyman Singleton has not reported back to the Township. Mr. Gilbert stated that the only question he has on the survey is will it impede the project in place for the outfall at Stewart Avenue.

Mr. Schwartz stated that it will not. The reason for the survey is to gather as much information from the residents to help us move forward with petitioning for help.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Army Corps sent a report in February 2012 and some residents have asked why it has taken that long for the Township to determine that they needed that information.

Mr. Schwartz stated that we just received this survey from the Army Corps of Engineers. They provided the survey. It took some time to determine every resident in the flood zone. If any resident has problems filling out the survey, they can come to the Township for help.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the survey only provides for information on two floods.

Mr. Schwartz requested that he attach additional pages with information on all floods.

Mr. Gilbert stated that some residents feel Council dropped the ball on this issue. With these floods, he has lost two heaters, two hot water heaters, all his power tools and two washers and dryers. He was fortunate to be able to raise his heater off the ground. He discussed the possibility of Council being able to help residents cover the additional cost to protect the major appliances from flood damage. He is also receiving prices to move his washer and dryer up from the basement. Most likely we will have another flood before the outfall at Stewart Avenue gets repaired, but he hopes not. He feels that when this repair is complete it will help. Mr. Gilbert mentioned that Assemblyman Singleton was going to look into whether they could redirect some of the Blue Acres funding to help the residents.

Mr. Paris reported that was unsuccessful.

Mr. Gilbert stated that Assemblyman Singleton felt that we need a wall built.

Mr. Hatcher stated that one of the reason we need those surveys completed is because we have submitted a Hazard Mitigation Grant that may address some of the issues that Mr. Gilbert discussed such as raising houses, eliminating basements and retrofitting homes. It will be awhile until we hear something and we are competing with the shore towns that were severely damaged during Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Gilbert stated that would be great.

Mr. Paris stated that we will be continuing to push this with the state representatives but it does not hurt for the residents to also reach out.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the VFW is holding a golf tournament to help raise funds for their new facility. They will also be holding a raffle for a \$1,000 gift card and \$250 gas grill from ShopRite in Delran. If anyone is interested, they can contact him for more information. They expect to break ground sometime in May. It would be nice to have Council in attendance.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the invitation is still out for the Council to attend the presentation to Mrs. Kolodi's class by the Vietnam Veterans on Thursday night.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that this is not a public event but members of Council may attend. Due to the use of the school and the safety of the kids, the public cannot attend this particular event.

Don McCabe, Faunce Street, stated that it seems we are still having issues with the minutes being posted on the website.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the February minutes will be posted tomorrow. All the January minutes are posted.

Mr. McCabe stated that the law mandates that the minutes be completed in two weeks. He mentioned that the website has been down consistently. He asked if there is a problem with the website.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we had a meeting with the company that will be designing the new website and we will be moving forward soon.

Mr. McCabe stated that he agrees with the safety issues on Route 130 but nothing can be done until we start the discussions.



Mr. Paris stated we held meetings with the DOT, Senator Allen and Assemblyman Singleton over a year ago to discuss our concerns along Route 130.

Mr. McCabe stated that you could spend a billion dollars a mile on that road and you will not take care of the problem. People need to take responsibility for their actions, accidents happen. He recommended that we try and educate the people.

Mr. Paris stated that the state has provided for funding for education but you can only educate them so much.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he appreciates them getting rid of the graffiti at Faunce Park but there is still some there. There are thirty trees that are still down and the park is a mess. Whoever is in charge should be inspecting the parks and get rid of the graffiti.

Mr. Paris stated that we cannot monitor the parks twenty-four seven. He will have the Public Works take care of it.

Mr. McCabe stated that we need to secure that port-a-port at Faunce Street to make sure it cannot be tipped over.

Mr. McCabe stated that he would like a report on the outstanding bonds for the Township.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the information is provided in the audit.

Mr. McCabe stated that the people in Riverside Park need help from Council and it should not matter how we get the money.

Richard Grockenberger, 84 Alden Avenue, stated that the flooding is getting worse. He has been fighting this since 1962. He hopes we can get the valves replaced and that should help.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have allotted the money for the outfall at Stewart Avenue and as soon as the permit is received, we will be ready to go.

Mr. Grockenberger stated that the problems started when the Sewer Plant was built. He hates to sell his house and hopes we can build up the berms in the area.

Mary Parento, 25 S. Bridgeboro Street, stated that as a member of the RAC, she wanted to report on the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year, it was run by Mary Tompkins and she did a great job. She had a terrific turnout and it seems to get better and better every year.

Mrs. Parento also stated that she does not take what the Mayor asked about rescue equipment as criticism when he was just asking why one department has the equipment and one does not. This is basic rescue equipment needed to respond to vehicle accidents. There is an issue with Station 231 not having the necessary equipment to respond to a vehicle accident.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk